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An Act to Incorporate the Royal Society of Canada.

[Assented to 25th May, 1883.]

Whereas the persons hereinafter mentioned have, by their petition, represented that a Society called, with the sanction of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, "The Royal Society of Canada," has been founded in Canada by His Excellency the Right Honourable the Marquis of Lorne, Governor-General of Canada; that the said Society has been maintained for some months by the petitioners and others, and that the objects of the said Society are: first, to encourage studies and investigations in literature and science; secondly, to publish transactions annually or semi-annually, containing the minutes of proceedings at meetings, records of the work performed, original papers and memoirs of merit, and such other documents as may be deemed worthy of publication; thirdly, to offer prizes or other inducements for valuable papers on subjects relating to Canada, and to aid researches already begun, and carried so far as to render their ultimate value probable; fourthly, to assist in the collection of specimens with a view to the formation of a Canadian museum of archives, ethnology, archaeology and natural history: and whereas the said petitioners have prayed that, for the better attainment of the said objects, the Society may be incorporated by Act of the Parliament of Canada, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. J. W. Dawson, C. M. G., LL.D., F. R. S., President; the Honourable P. J. O. Chauveau, LL.D., Docteur ès Lettres, Vice-President, J. M.



Le Moine, Esquire, Daniel Wilson, LL.D., F.R.S.E., T. Sterry Hunt, LL.D., F.R.S., A. R. C. Selwyn, LL.D., F.R.S., Presidents of Sections ; Faucher de St. Maurice, Esquire, Charles Carpmael, M.A., George Lawson, Ph. D., LL.D., Vice-Presidents of Sections ; J. G. Bourinot, F.S.S., Honourary Seeretary ; J. A. Grant, M.D., F.G.S., Honourary Treasurer ; Goldwin Smith, D.C.L.; the Reverend Abbé Bégin, D.D.; the Reverend Abbé Bois, Napoleon Bourassa, Esquire, the Reverend Abbé Casgrain, Docteur és Lettres, Paul DeCazes, Esquire, Oscar Dunn, Esquire, the Honourable Hector Fabre, Louis H. Fréchette, LL.D., Napoleon Le Gendre, Esquire, Pamphile Lemay, Esquire, the Honourable F. G. Marchand, Joseph Marmette, Esquire, the Honourable Mr. Justice Routhier, Docteur és Lettres, Benjamin Sulte, Esquire, the Reverend Abbé Tanguay, Joseph Tassé, Esquire, the Rev. Abbé Verreau, Docteur és Lettres, R. Maurice Bucke, M.D., the Reverend Aeneas McDowell Dawson, Lieutenant Colonel G. T. Denison, B.C.L., the Very Reverend G. M. Grant, D.D., William Kerby, Esquire, John L'Espérance, Esquire, Charles Lindsey, Esquire, the Reverend W. Lyall, LL.D., George Murray, B.A., the Reverend J. Clarke Murray, LL.D., Evan McColl, Esquire, John Reade, Esquire, Charles Sangster, Esquire, George Stewart (the younger) Esquire, Alpheus Todd, C.M.G., LL.D., J. Watson, M.A., LL.D., G. Paxton Young, M.A., C. Baillargé, C.E., Herbert A. Bayne, Esquire, E. J. Chapman, Ph.D., LL.D., J. B. Cherriman, M.A., E. Deville, C.E., N. F. Dupuis, M.A., F.R.S.E., Sanford Fleming, C.M.G., C.E., P. Fortin, M.D., G. P. Girdwood, M.D., F. N. Gisborne, M. Inst, C.E., E. Haanel, Ph.D., the Very Reverend T. E. Hamel, M.A., B. J. Harrington, B.A., Ph.D., G. C. Hoffman, F.I.C., A. Johnson, LL.D., J. T. Loudon, M.A., T. Macfarlane, M.E., J. G. McGregor, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.E., L. W. Bailey, M.A., Ph.D., Robert Bell, M.D., C.E., F.G.S., G. M. Dawson, D.S., A.R.S.M., F.G.S., Edwin Gilpin, M.A., F.G.S., J. Bernard Gilpin, M.D., M.R.C.S., the Reverend D. Honeyman, D.C.L., J. M. Jones, F.L.S., the Reverend Professor J. C. K. Laflamme, D.D., J. Macoun, M.A., F.L.S., G. F. Matthew, M.A., Alexander Murray, C.M.G., F.G.S., W. Osler, M.D., W. Saunders, Esquire, D. N. St. Cyr, Esquire, J. F. Whiteaves, F.G.S., and R. Ramsay Wright, M.A., B.Sc., together with such other persons



as now or may hereafter become members of the Society to be hereby incorporated under the provisions of this Act and the by-laws made under the authority thereof, and their successors shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Royal Society of Canada," hereinafter called the Society, and may, by any legal title, acquire, hold and enjoy, for the use of the Society, any property whatever, real or personal, and may alienate, sell and dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time and as occasion may require, and other property, real or personal, may acquire instead thereof; Provided always, that the annual value of the real estate held at any one time for the actual use of the Society shall not exceed four thousand dollars.

2. The Society shall not hold any property except as aforesaid and such as shall be derived from the following sources, that is to say: the life, annual and other subscriptions of members, donations, bequests, or legacies made to the Society, and such other moneys or property as may be acquired by and from the ordinary transactions of the Society, or may now belong to the existing Society, and the moneys arising from fines and forfeitures lawfully imposed by their by-laws: Provided always, that the Society shall sell and convey any real estate acquired by them under the provisions of this section within ten years after they shall have acquired the same, unless the same be required for the actual use of the Society, under the provisions of the next preceding section.

3. The affairs and business of the Society shall be managed by such officers and committees, and under such restrictions, touching the powers and duties of such officers and committees, as by by-law in that behalf the Society may from time to time ordain; and the Society may assign to any of such officers such remuneration as they deem requisite.

4. The Society may make such by-laws, not contrary to law, as they shall deem expedient for the administration and government of the Society, and may repeal, amend or re-enact the same from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as by such by-laws, or by the bylaws now in force, may be prescribed to that end, and generally shall have all the corporate powers necessary for the purposes of this Act.



5. The present by-laws of the existing Society, not being contrary to law, shall be the by-laws of the Society hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid.

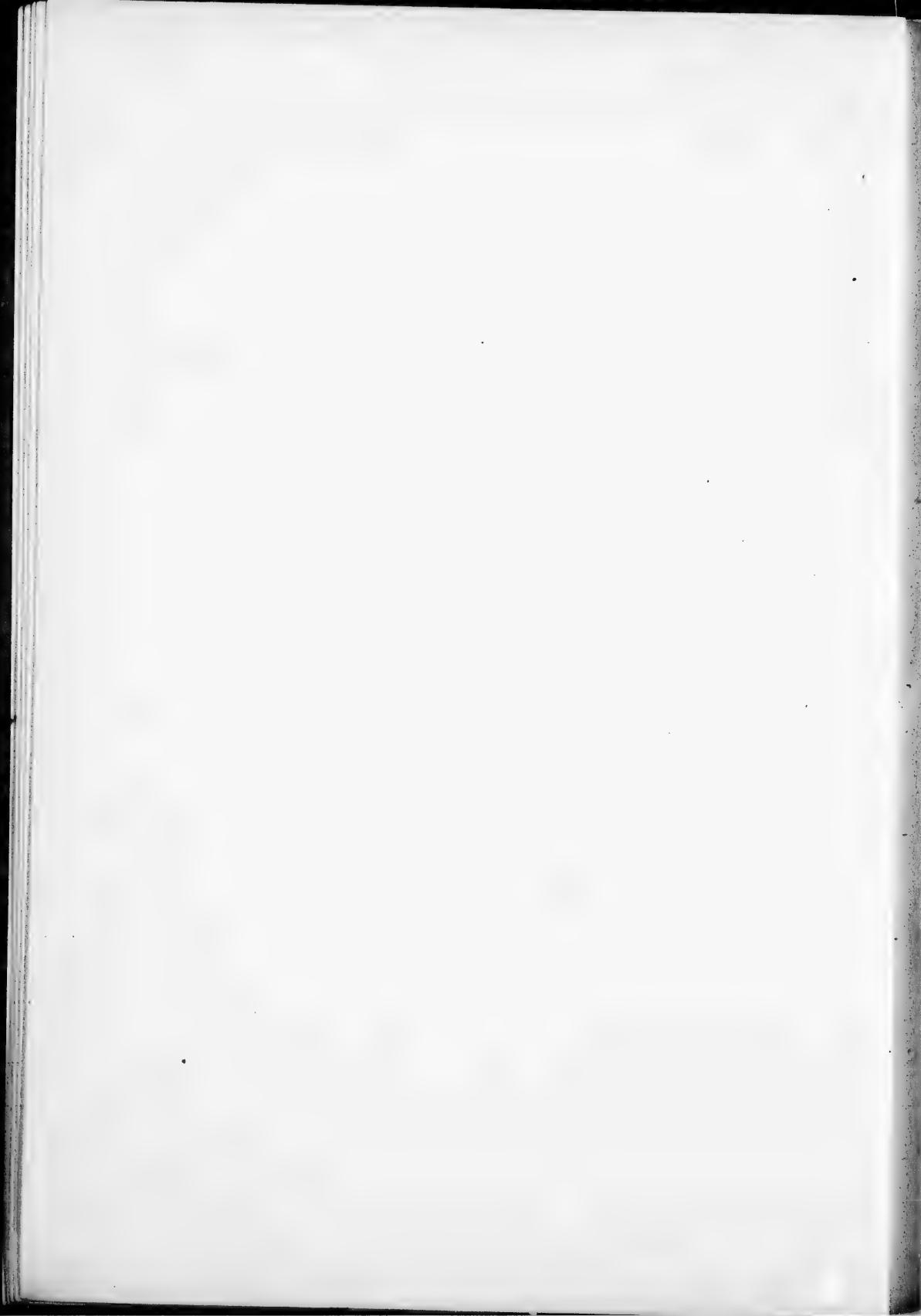
6. Until others shall be elected according to the by laws of the Society, the present officers of the existing Society shall be those of the Society.

7. All subscriptions and all penalties due to the Society under any by-law, may be recovered by suit in the name of the Society ; but any member may withdraw therefrom at any time, on payment of all amounts by him due to the Society, inclusive of his subscription for the year then current, and shall, upon such withdrawal and payment of amounts due, cease to be a member of the Society.

8. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit or prosecution in which the Society may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness by reason of his being or having been a member or officer of the Society.

9. The Society shall make annual reports to the Governor-General and to both Houses of Parliament, containing a general statement of the affairs of the Society, which said reports shall be presented within the first twenty days of every session of Parliament.

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REGULATIONS
OF THE
ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

1.—*Objects of the Society.*

The objects of the Society are set forth in the preamble of the Act of Incorporation as follows: first, to encourage studies and investigations in literature and science; secondly, to publish transactions annually or semi-annually, containing the minutes of proceedings at meetings, records of the work performed, original papers and memoirs of merit and such other documents as may be deemed worthy of publication; thirdly, to offer prizes or other inducements for valuable papers on subjects relating to Canada, and to aid researches already begun and carried so far as to render their ultimate value probable; fourthly, to assist in the collection of specimens with a view to the formation of a Canadian museum of archives, ethnology, archæology and natural history.

2.—*Name.*

By the gracious permission of Her Majesty the Queen, the Society will bear the name of the Royal Society of Canada, and the members shall be entitled "Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada."

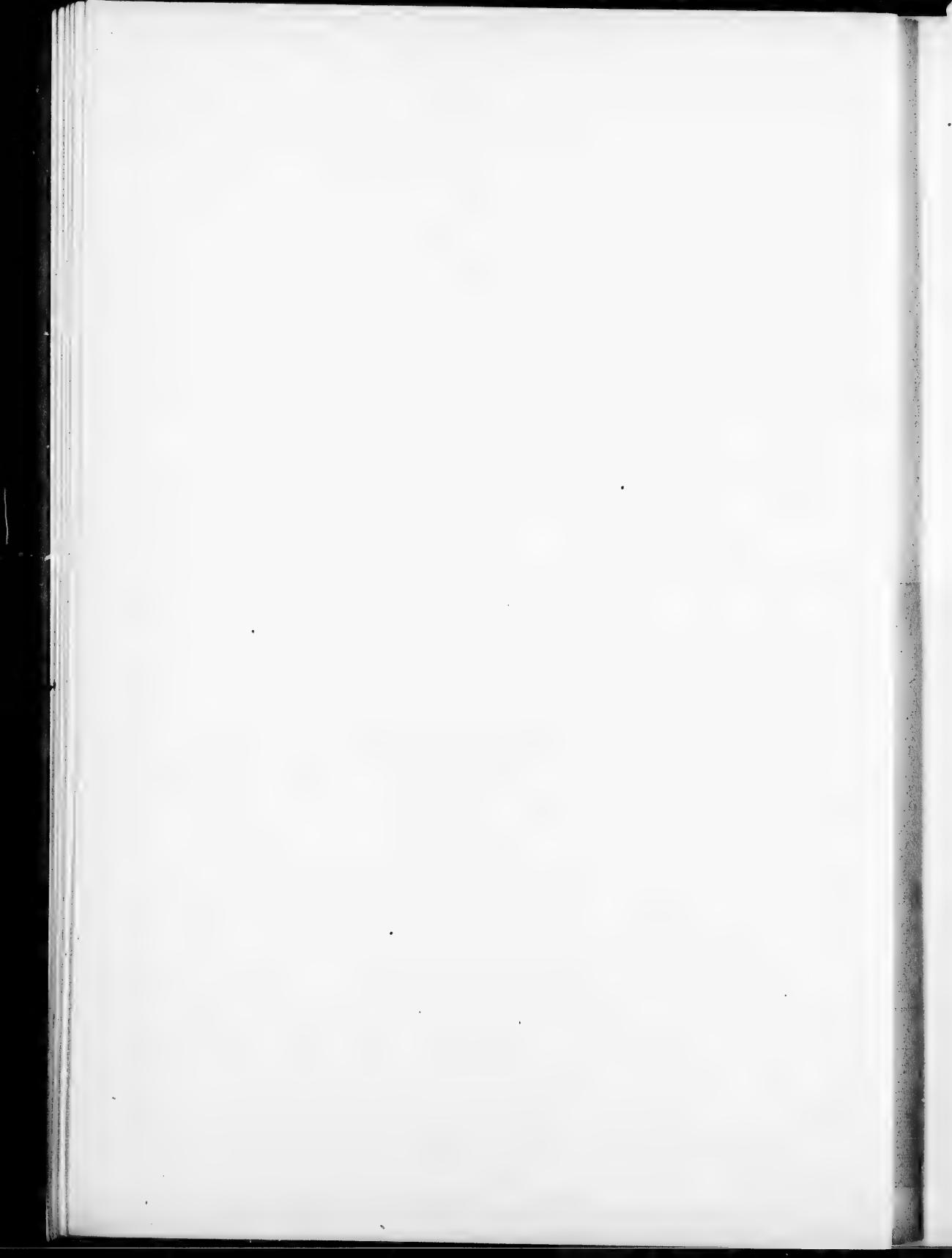
3.—*Honourary President and Patron.*

His Excellency the Governor-General shall be the Honourary President and Patron of the Society.

4.—*Division into Sections.*

The Society shall consist of the four following sections:

1. French Literature, with History, Archæology and allied subjects.
2. English Literature, with History, Archæology and allied subjects.



3. Mathematical, Chemical and Physical Sciences.

4. Geological and Biological Sciences.

The sections may meet separately for the reading and discussion of papers, and for business, at such times and places as may be fixed by the sections under the control of the Council.

5.—*Officers.*

The officers of the Society shall be a President and Vice-President, with an Honourary Secretary and a Treasurer, to be elected by the whole Society; besides a President, Vice-President and Secretary of each section, to be elected by the section. The elections shall be annual.

The officers so elected shall constitute the Council of the Society, together with all retired or retiring Presidents who will be members of the Council during three years from the date of their retirement.

6. —*Members.*

The Fellows shall be persons resident in the Dominion of Canada, or in Newfoundland, who have published original works or inmemoirs of merit, or have rendered eminent services to Literature or to Science.

The number of members in each Section shall be limited to twenty. Nominations to fill vacancies in any Section may be made at any time in writing by any three members of that Section, and the nomination papers shall be lodged with the Honourary Secretary, who shall make a record of them. When the vacancy occurs, the Honourary Secretary shall notify the members of the Section in which it has taken place, and transmit to each a printed list of the candidates nominated, together with the reasons in writing for such nomination, at least four months before the annual or any general meeting of the Society. Each member may then place a mark (+) opposite the name of the candidate for whom he votes and return the voting paper to the Honourary Secretary, who shall report to the Council at a meeting to be held at least two months before the annual meeting, the number of votes obtained by each candidate. Should any of these have obtained two-thirds of the votes of the whole Section, the Council shall so report to the Society. Should this result not be attained, then the Council may select one or more of the candidates obtaining the highest number of votes of the Section, and cause the members of the Society to be advised of the

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names of the candidates so selected, at least one month previous to the date of the annual meeting, when the election may take place by vote of the members present, or the matter be referred back to the Section concerned.

7.—Duties of Members.

Members shall sign the regulations of the Society, shall be presented by the President to the Society at a general meeting of the same, shall attend its stated meetings or send reasons of absence to the Honorary Secretary, and shall pay an annual subscription of \$2.00 or the sum of \$20.00 in one payment in commutation of the same for life membership. These payments shall entitle members to receive the Transactions of the Society.

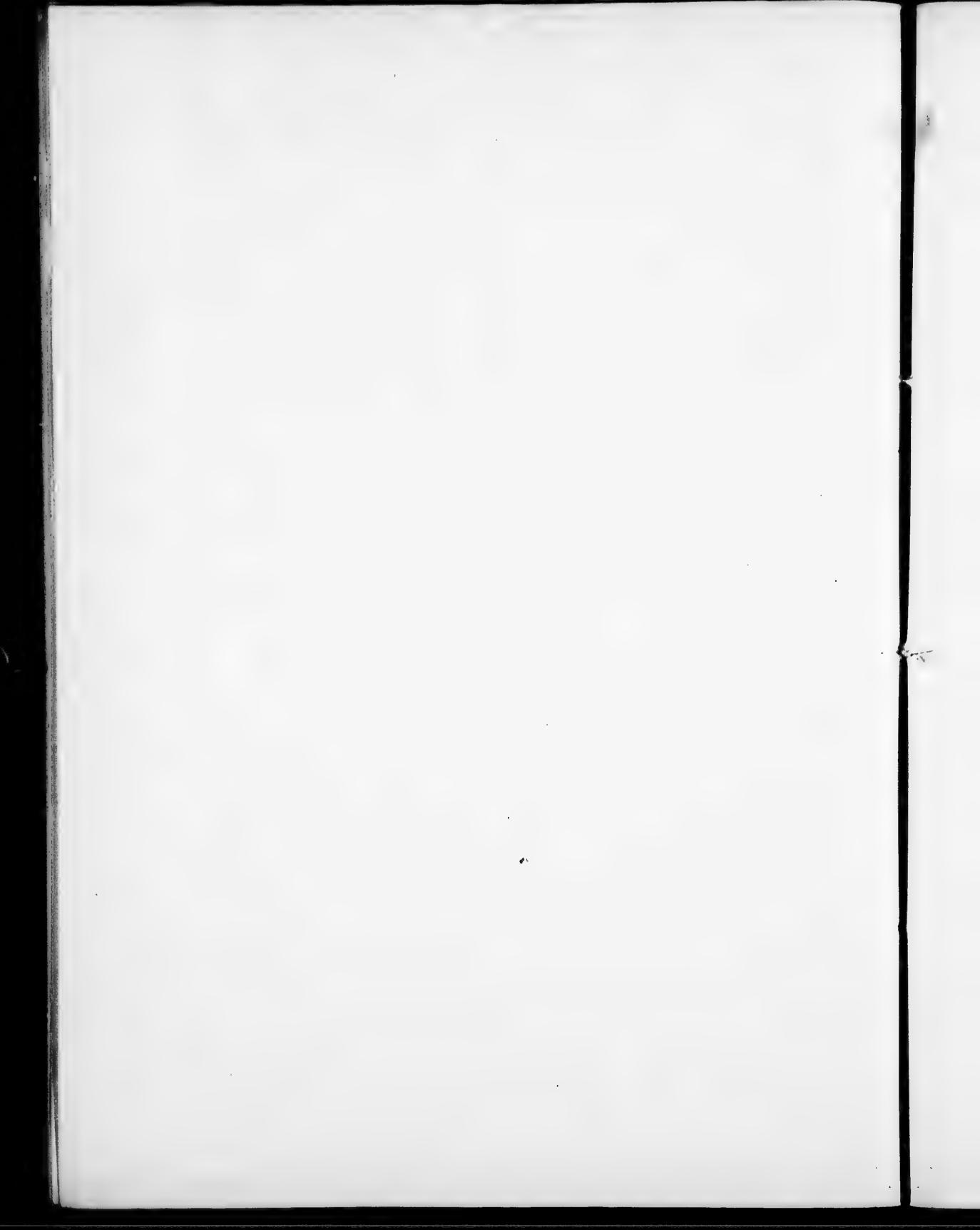
Any member may withdraw from the Society, and the Society may, by resolution in general session on the recommendation of the Council, grant to such member the privilege of retaining his title, and his name shall thenceforward be entered on the lists as a retired member retaining title.

Any member failing to attend three years in succession, without presenting a paper, or assigning reasons in writing satisfactory to the Society, shall be considered to have resigned.

8.—Corresponding Members.

The Society may elect by ballot on proposal by three members, or on recommendation of the Council, persons not resident in Canada as corresponding members. Such persons must be eminent in literature or science, and evidence to that effect must be presented to the Society at the time of their proposal or recommendation. The number of corresponding members shall be limited to sixteen.

That in acting under rule 8 of the constitution, four of the corresponding members shall be elected for each section ; and the name or names proposed, the names of the proposers, and the reasons in writing, shall be announced to the Society through the Honorary Secretary, at least one day before the balloting for any such corresponding member. (Resolution of May, 1884.)



9.—*Meetings.*

The Society shall hold an annual meeting in such city of the Dominion as it may determine from time to time. It may at any annual meeting appoint other meetings to be held in the course of the year. The time of holding the annual meeting shall be on a day or days to be determined at the next previous meeting, or, failing this, by the Council. The offices of the Society shall be in the city of Ottawa, and its meeting shall be held in that city unless otherwise determined.

10.—*Papers.*

The title of any Paper, Memoir or other production, by a member, intended to be read at a meeting of the Society, shall be submitted, together with an abstract of its contents, to the Council, through the Secretary, previous to the meeting at which it is to be read. On its approval, each such communication shall be assigned to the section to which it belongs, and having been therein read and discussed, shall be submitted to a committee of the section, and on report of said committee, may be recommended to the Council for publication, either entire or in abstract, in the Transactions of the Society. Communications by persons not members of the Society may be submitted by members on the same conditions with their own productions.

11.—*Associated Societies.*

Every scientific or literary society in the Dominion which may be selected by vote of the Society shall be invited by circular of the Honorary Secretary to elect annually one of its members as a delegate to the meetings of the Society, such delegate to have, during his term of office, the privilege of taking part in all general or sectional meetings for reading and discussion of papers, and to be empowered to communicate a short statement of original work done and papers published during the year by his Society, and to report on any matters in which the Royal Society may usefully aid in publication or otherwise.

12.—*Circulation of Transactions.*

Copies of the Transactions of the Society shall be sent to the following :—

All members who have paid their subscriptions.



All Associated Societies.

Such foreign Societies as may be selected by the Council.

The Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces of the Dominion and Newfoundland.

The members of the Privy Council of Canada.

The Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Speakers of the Senate and House of Commons.

The Chief Justice of each Province.

The Premier of each Province.

The Speakers of the Legislatures of each Province.

The Minister or Superintendent of Education in each Province.

The Universities, the Library of Parliament and the Libraries of Provincial Legislatures.

13.—Duties of Council.

The Council shall manage all the affairs of the Society in the intervals of its meetings, and shall make arrangements for the meetings. It shall meet at the call of the President. Three members shall be a quorum.

The Council shall report its proceedings at each meeting of the Society for sanction.

The Council shall have the custody and disposal of all moneys, collections and other property of the Society, subject to sanction of its proceedings as above.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Council may appoint a temporary chairman, and in the case of vacancy of the office of Honorary Secretary or Treasurer may appoint a temporary Secretary or Treasurer to hold office till the next meeting of the Society.

14.—Duties of the Honorary Secretary.

The Honorary Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Society and Council, and shall conduct their correspondence, shall receive and attend to all nominations for members and officers of sections, shall keep the lists and records of the Society, and, under advice of the President, shall attend to any business that may arise in the intervals of meetings. He may, with consent of the Council, delegate any part of his duties to a paid assistant appointed by the Council.

15.—Duties of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys of the Society, shall keep account of the same and submit these to the Council at its meetings, and shall receive subscriptions, grants and donations, and make disbursements as shall be ordered by the Council.

16.—Addresses and Special Reports.

It shall be the duty of the President, or in event of his being unable to do so, of the Vice-President, to prepare an address for each annual meeting.

It shall be the duty of the President of each section, or in event of his being unable to do so, of the Vice-President, to prepare an address, having reference to the special objects of the section, for each annual meeting.

The Society in general session, or any of the sections, with consent of the Society, may appoint committees to prepare reports on any special literary or scientific matters, or on the progress of literature and science, or on works published in Canada, and to suggest such honourary notice as may seem desirable in the case of meritorious works or researches.

The ordinary committee of the section shall be limited to three in number, and consist of the officers of the section or any members that the section may select to make up the number.

17.—Reading of Papers.

I.—The representatives of each section in the Council shall be the judges of the papers to be accepted or rejected. No paper shall be read in any section, at any general meeting of the Society, unless it has been presented, either in full or in abstract, at least three weeks before the first day of the meeting, and formally accepted by the Council, in accordance with rule X of the Society, except by special permission of the Council. The publication of any paper not so accepted, as having been read before or presented to it, may be disavowed by the Society.

II.—No paper already published shall be accepted by the Society except in cases where it shall have been entirely recast.

III.—A programme containing the titles of papers to be read shall be printed and sent to the members of the Society at least one week before the time of meeting.

IV.—It shall be the duty of the Secretaries of each section to prepare before each day's meeting a list of the papers to be presented to each section, with the names of the authors and the time demanded for their reading. These lists shall be printed and made public each morning before the time fixed for the meeting.

18.—Publication of Papers.

I.—The author shall revise his MS. after reading, to prepare it for the press.

II.—The first proof in galley shall be sent to the author, and also a revise in galley.

III.—The matter shall then be put into page, and a proof sent to the Secretary of the section to which it belongs, who will sign the proof when he has corrected it. Should the author demand it, he may see a proof in page.

IV.—The Chairman of the Printing Committee or his deputy will sign the final revise, and will see that conformity in headings and in type is observed.

V.—If the authors of papers are to be absent in places not accessible without delay, they shall indicate some person by whom the proofs shall be read, failing which the Secretary of the section shall be responsible for their reading and correction.

VI.—If, from the absence of the author, the proof of a paper cannot be read by him, and he has named no representative, and if the Secretary will not read it, the Printing Committee shall not delay the volume for the author's return, but shall omit the paper.

VII.—All matter in the French language shall be read for literal errors by a French proof-reader skilled in the typographic art, and familiar with the present usage in France.